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SUBJECT: ELECTION RESULTS ON OKINAWA
1. THERE WERE NO SURPRISES IN OKINAWA AS FAR AS WINNERS
AND LOSERS WERE CONCERNED. AS LONG EXPECTED, FOUR INCUMBENTS
PLUS KOMEITO CNADIDATE TAMAKI WON. WITH 97 PERCENT OF VOTES
COUNTED AS OF 1430 HOURS DEC 6, WINNERS WERE: SENAGA (JCP)
91,259, TAMAKI (KOMEITO) 88,921, UEHARA (JSP) 75,788,
NISHIME (LDP) 69,164, AND KOKUBA (LDP) 68,285. LOSERS WERE
KUWAE (LDP) 53,431 AND ASATO (DSP) 34,904.
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2. FOREGOING RANK ORDER WAS, HOWEVER, SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN.

BIGGEST SURPRISE WAS THE EMERGENCE OF SENAGA AND TAMAKI AS TOP WINNERS. BOTH HAD EARLY START IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND WERE BACKED BY HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS. OUR ANALYSIS OF EARLY RETURNS INDICATE THAT THE TWO CANDIDATES BETWEEN THEM CAPTURED VIRTUALLY ALL OF OSMP VOTES. UEHARA DID NOT DO AS WELL AS EXPECTED DUE TO OVER-CONFIDENCE AND DISSENSION WITHIN KENROKYO, PREFECTURAL LABOR COUNCIL, WHICH SERVED AS HIS MAIN SUPPORT GROUP IN PAST ELECTIONS. NISHIME AND KOKUBA, BITTER COMPETITORS, WORKED AGAINST EACH OTHER IN THIS CAMPAIGN AND SUFFERED FROM LOCAL EFFECTS OF NATION-WIDE, ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT MOOD.

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KUWAE DID BETTER THAN EXPECTED, POSSIBLY AT EXPENSE OF NISHIME-KOKUBA. ASATO SHOWED EFFECTS OF SOMP MSIGIVINGS OVER HIS GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN IN LEAGUE WITH LDP LAST JUNE, AND FUNDAMENTAL WEAKNESS OF DSP-DOMEI ORGANIZATION IN OKINAWA.

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